

Dispatch Blooms Again Heartening news

Like spring itself, THE DUNHAM DISPATCH seems to burst forth about this time of year, after the long, cold months of thinking it would rise no more. This time it is brought back to life, in large measure, by the news that there is an organization of Dunham descendants who are contributing to family research, & a group that has been holding family reunions, ever since 1900, at West Monroe, NY on the shore of Lake Oneida. (With such a long history of reunions, surely some group photos have been taken. How we'd love to have some copies to share in these pages!)

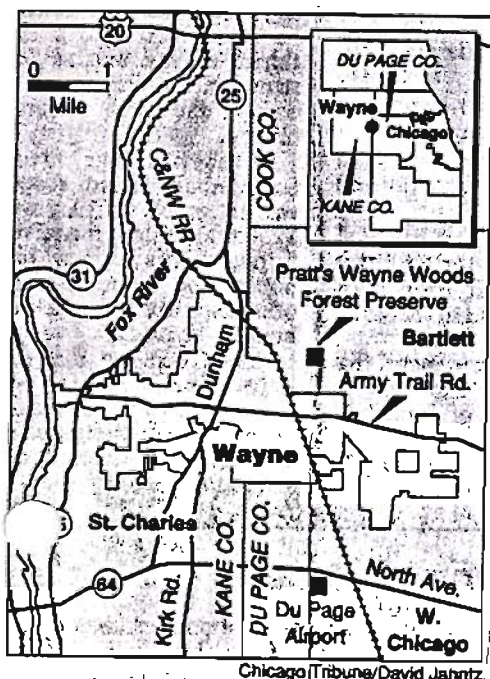
This good news comes from William Wood (11) (Deacon John Dunham 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3, Isaac 4, Calvin 5, Alpheus 6, Alpheus 7, George W. 8, Henry Alpheus 9, Alice M. Dunham Wood 10), of Waynesboro, VA, who has compiled data on over 15,000 descendants of Deacon John on computer, & is in contact with some 250 contemporary cousins.

Quite an imposing achievement!!

This so fortuitous contact with Bill Wood came about in a circuitous manner. Editor Phyllis Kitson answered -- or rather, attempted to answer -- a query about Dunhams in THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER from Karen Hill, San Carlos, Ca. Karen responded, strongly urging that Mrs. K. write to Mr. Wood, who had previously been in contact with Karen.

Mrs. K. took her suggestion, with the result that new life has been breathed into DD. (This proves that you don't have to do a good deed to be rewarded; the rewards can come if you only TRY to do a good deed.)

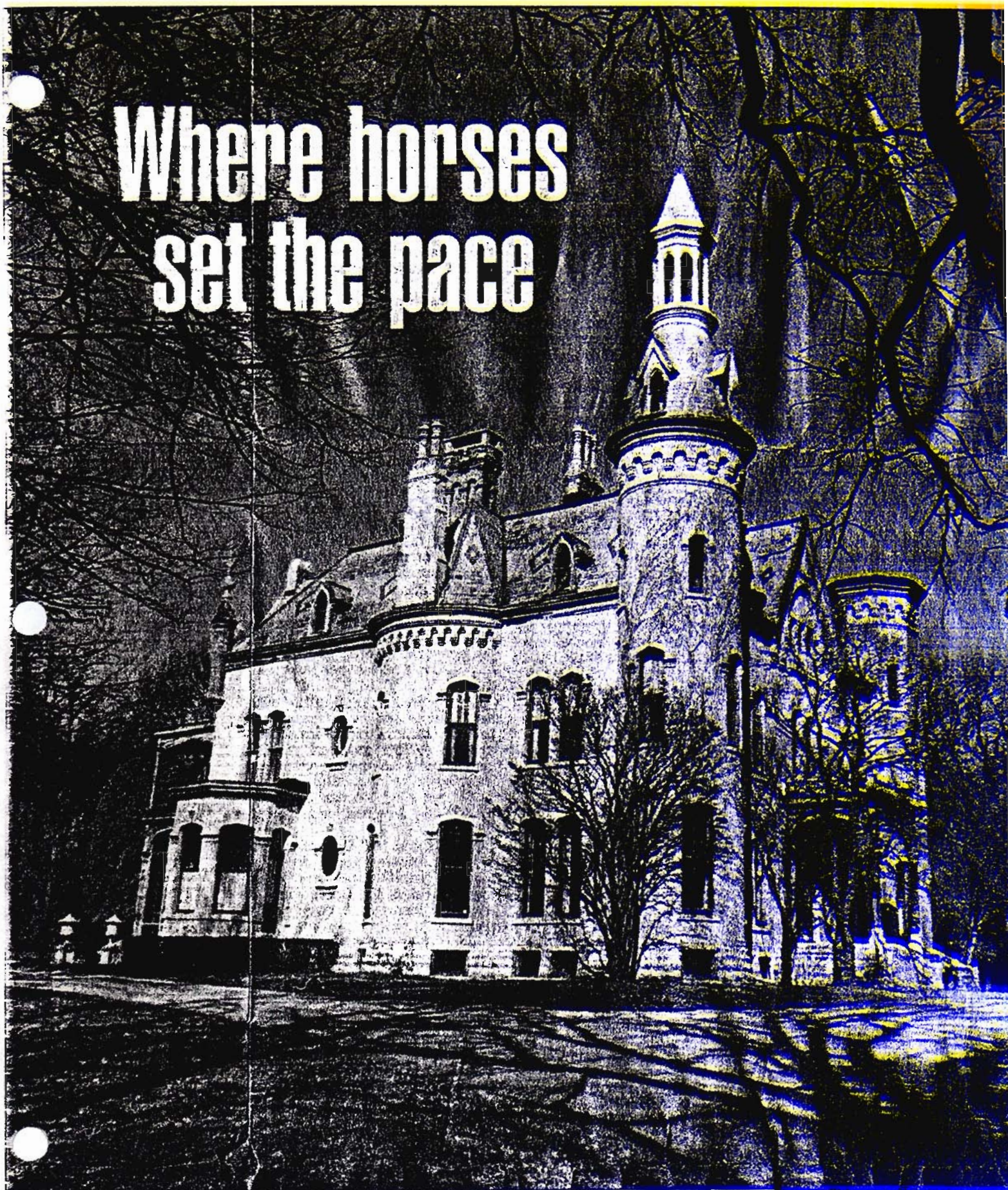
So who knows? With any luck, we might be able to develop enough momentum to keep going a while this time.



DUNHAM CASTLE

You may have thought that the only Dunhams who lived in castles were Middle Ages individuals, & that their castles were far, far away. Not so. There is a Dunham castle in Wayne, Illinois (also called Dunham's Woods), & this map will show you where to locate it. (The map appeared in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE on Jan. 11, 1992, as did the photo on page 2. All these interesting clippings came to us from Dorothy Dunham Curtis, of White Bear Lake, Minnesota, who provided further impetus for DD to get going again.)

Where horses set the pace



Dunham Castle, Wayne's No. 1 landmark, is a private residence that's being rehabbed. Completed in 1882, it has 21 rooms.

In our next issue we'll have more about the family who built this castle.

FRANCIS B. DUNHAM

Francis B. Dunham (1844-1895) (9) (Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis 8) was rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Chicago at the time of his death. On Apr. 23, 1895 a Chicago paper printed this obituary: "REV. F. B. DUNHAM. Rev. F. B. Dunham, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, 56th St. & Madison Ave., died yesterday at his home, # 5720 Madison Ave., yesterday. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Mr. Dunham was born in Maryland in 1845. He attended Trinity College, Hartford, CT, & after his ordination, took charge of St. Luke's Church in Baltimore in 1868. He went to Mt. Morris, NY to officiate in St. John's Church. From there he went to Grace Church, Indianapolis. A few years later he went to New Albany, Ind. He went to Gainesville, FL & while there occupied a prominent place in religious circles. In 1888 he returned to Chicago & took charge of the Church of the Redeemer. He preached his farewell sermon on Easter Sunday as he had been advised by his physicians to remove to a warmer climate. He intended to take up his residence in Cottonwood, Idaho. He leaves surviving him a widow, Susan C. Dunham, & 3 children: Frank C., John H. & Anna C. The interment will be at Oakwoods tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral services will be conducted by the assistant pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. J. M. Davidson." Below, is a photo of his wife, Susan Cromie Dunham, whom he met while serving the church in New Albany. Mention of Rev. Dunham's intention to retire in Cottonwood, ID recalls the Dunham's venture into gold mining. Some slick salesman sold Rev. Dunham's brother (Samuel) & a number of other Chicago businessmen land in the Cottonwood area that was reputed to contain gold. The group financed loads of mining equipment & traveled to Idaho. The gold was there, all right. The catch was that the land belonged to the Nez Perce Indians. The Chicagoans had been had! However, they loved Idaho & started a packing company that eventually became the Cudahy Packing Co. All those who were a part of this short-lived Western adventure told nostalgic "Idaho stories" for the rest of their lives. - - - - -



ISAAC'S HELPERS: A 1907 DIRECTORY

Say what you will about Isaac W. Dunham's genealogical scholarship regarding the earliest Dunham records, he did do a magnificent piece of work in following the many branches in more recent times. Of course Isaac had a lot of help in that endeavor, & DD would like to honor those assistants of his who provided up-to-date (ca. 1907) data for him. There is an ulterior motive as well: We're hoping that someone will be able to give us further information on some of these kinsmen.

C. Downer Austin, Nat'l Express Co., New York City
C. H. Barrett, Vermillion, South Dakota
Mrs. M. M. R. Boatwright, Augusta, Georgia
Mrs. W. W. Boyd, St. Louis, Missouri
Maj. Bradford Dunham, Montgomery, Alabama
James S. Burke, Brooklyn, NY
Dr. Carroll Dunham, Irvington, NY
Hon. Charles Dunham, Geneseo, IL
Charles A. Dunham, New Brunswick, NJ
Mrs. Cornelius T. Dunham, Dorchester, MA
S. C. Cowles, Southington, CT
Charles E. Dunham, Boston, MA
Hon. Charles G. M. Dunham, Edgartown, MA
Dr. Joseph Chase, East Weymouth, MA
Mrs. James W. Cree, Chambersburg, PA
Thomas D. Crowell, Cottage City, MA
David B. Dunham, Rahway, NJ
Daniel C. Dunham, Newport, RI
George A. Dunham, Pres, American Palace Car Co., New York City
Edward Denham, New Bedford, MA
Perry Jackson Dunham, Richmond, Clermont Co., Ohio
Mrs. John H. Derby, Sandy Hill, NY
A. M. Dyer, Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. Charles A. Eaton, Boston, MA
Fredd H. Dunham, Batavia, NY
George L. Dunham, Brattleboro, VT
Daniel G. Gillette, San Antonio, Texas
Walter R. Gillett, New York City, NY
George Dunham, Unionville, CT
George H. Dunham, New York City, NY
George W. Dunham, Flemington, NJ
Mrs. Lucy D. Hazlett, Nelson, PA
Mrs. Frances M. Hand, Syracuse, NY
Edwin H. Hammond, Union Screw Co., Cleveland, Ohio
Henry V. Dunham, Dunnellen, NJ
Henry J. Dunham, Pittsfield, MA
Harrison Dunham, Boston, MA
James H. Dunham, New York City, NY
Rev. James H. Dunham, Mt. Holly, NJ
Daniel F. Kellogg, NEW YORK SUN, New York City, NY
Rev. Moses E. Dunham, Whitesboro, NY
Oscar S. Dunham, DIGBY COURIER, Digby, Nova Scotia
Miss Harriet M. Pease, Edgartown, MA
Warren C. Rowley, Utica, NY
Rev. Dr. Samuel Dunham, Binghamton, NY
Samuel W. Dunham, West Paris, Maine
Mrs. William Sampson, Cincinnati, Ohio
Dr. Sydney A. Dunham, Buffalo, NY
Thomas M. Dunham, Ocean Grove, NJ
Rev. Judson Titsworth, Milwaukee, WI

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ISAAC'S HELPERS (from p. 4)

Tryon G. Dunham, North Warren, Ohio
 Rev. N. Dunham, Philadelphia, PA
 Walter J. Dunham, Buffalo, NY
 John D. Watson, New York City, NY
 Charles A. Webb, San Diego, CA
 William Dunham, New Brunswick, NJ
 William C. Dunham, Cuba, NY
 James Wilson, Pittsfield, MA

If you happen to be in any of these cities, a trip to the local library & a check through their obituary file might elicit further information about some of these people. Any help would be very much appreciated.

GENEALOGY OF THE DONHAMS IN AMERICA (1913) by Thomas J. Donham

(Again, thanks to Gladys Donham for sharing this booklet!)

PART II. Jonathan Donham, son of --- Donham who came from Ireland, was born in Jersey, married Milbra Phillips of Richmond, VA (a lady of Welch descent whose brother gave the name to Phillips County, Ark.). He fought in the War of 1812, moved to Kentucky & from there to Tenn., then to Alabama, & raised a large family, then moved to Miss. & died about 1858 or 1859 at my father's (John Donham) at the age of 88 years. Milbra, his wife, died a few years later at a good old age. They had 7 sons & 5 daughters: Sallie, William, John, Polly, Charity, Nancy, Zachariah, Isaac, Carrel, James, Bettie & Benjamin. SALLIE, born in KY, married John McGuire, was left a widow with 2 sons. One of them was a minister. She was married a 2nd time to --- Grissam. This is as far as I have any information on the descendants of Sallie. VILLIAM DONHAM (2nd child) was born in KY, married Polly McGuire & had 11 children: John, Marguerett, Parilee, Adoline, Polly, Zilpha, Keziah, William, Polk, Arvie, & Eliza. JOHN (1st child of Wm & Polly), born in AL, married Diana Stell & had 3 children: William, Polk & Zack. William is in Texas; Polk at Caledonia, MS; & Zack at Hamilton, AL. I do not know anything of their families. MARGUERETT (dau. of Wm & Polly), born in AL, married James Wallis & had 7 children: Thomas (in TX), Polly Ann (dead), Adaline (in TX), Jane & Joseph (in AL), Francis & Joshua (in TX). All raised families. PARILEE (dau of Wm & Polly) born in AL, died. ADALINE (dau of Wm & Polly) born in AL, married Samuel Walker, a widower, & had no children. All in Alabama. POLLY (dau of Wm & Polly), born in AL, married James Kennedy & had 6 children: Jane, Josephine, Vanburon, Siller & Dallis. Adoline married Joseph Wiginton. All married in TX. LIEURANY (dau of Wm & Polly) *** ((Note: No Lieurany is listed among Wm & Polly's children. Possibly this was another name used by Zilpha, who is listed between Polly & Kiziah.)) born in AL, married John Murphy, had one child, Polly. She ((Lieurany)) married 2nd to James Reid, married 3rd to Buck Johnson. Polly ((her daughter)) married James Tice & had 5 or 6 children in Thrasher, MS. KIZIAH (dau of Wm & Polly) born in AL, married John Sanderson & had one child, William. She married a 2nd time to Ware Stone. William married Florence Young & had 14 children, all in AL. VILLIAM (son of Wm & Polly) born in AL, married Sarah Ann Lindsey, moved to TX, & had 7 children: Arvey, Sis, one dead, John, Buck, Mark & Dan. POLK (son of Wm & Polly), born in AL, married Sarah Ann Robinson, & had 11 children: Dorothy, Zilphy, McKinley, Adaline, Roy, Dee, Dell, John, Nellie & 2 dead. His address is Itaska, Hill Co., TX. ARVIE (dau of Wm & Polly) born AL, married Joshua Goggins, & had 9 children: Melvira, Lucian, John, James, Marion, Luther, Valentine Leuvina, & 2 dead. All in Sulphur Springs, TX.

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